

# MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:**

December 18, 2006

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

**Tony Tomasello**

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

**Tony Tomasello**  
**Denise Kayser**  
**Louise Kauffmann**

**AGENDA ITEM:**

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**TITLE:**

The Gaithersburg Community Museum Train Annex Committee Update Report

**SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:**

In the five months since the Train Annex Committee's initial Report was submitted to the Mayor and Council on July 20, 2006, further investigations have brought significant concerns to light over the poor condition of the Locomotive and Tender and Troop Kitchen Car. The additional conditions found would result in significantly increased costs of renovation and repair of this equipment. If the project were to continue as initially planned, it would either significantly exceed the original budget, or major components of the plan could not proceed.

In an effort to resolve this situation, staff explored several options and has recently met with the Train Annex Committee to discuss a promising proposed solution – an exchange of rolling stock with the Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum.

This presentation serves as a project update and a report of the Train Annex Committee's latest recommendations. The original and updated reports of the Committee are attached as background.

Attachments

**DESIRED OUTCOME:**

The Gaithersburg Community Museum Train Annex Ad Hoc Committee supports the proposed rolling stock exchange and respectfully requests the Mayor and City Council pursue this proposal.

# **The Gaithersburg Community Museum Train Annex Project**



## **Committee Report Update**

# **Initial Project Scope**

- **Expand and improve plaza**
- **Provide ADA access to trains and museum**
- **Restore locomotive and tender cosmetically (not operationally)**
- **Restore Troop/Kitchen car exterior, finish interior, add heating and air-conditioning (Museum Annex)**
- **Replace Caboose (restoration cost-prohibitive)**

# **Project Funding & Budget Concerns**

**Total Funds: \$865,844**

## **Breakdown:**

**\$430,182** A Grant from the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP); Maryland Department of Transportation Highway Administration (SHA)

**\$435,662** City of Gaithersburg

**Revised Cost Estimates:** \$225,247 over budget (and no funds would be available for replacement of Caboose).

# Current Project Status

Site Enhancements: Design 95% complete

**Revised cost estimate: \$41,696 Under Budget**

Track Repair: Work scope complete

**Revised cost estimate: \$32,000 Over Budget**

Locomotive and Tender: Work scope complete. Far more metal corrosion than initially discovered.

**Revised cost estimate: \$166,239 Over Budget**

Troop Kitchen Car: Far more metal corrosion and lead paint than initially discovered.

**Revised cost estimate: \$68,704 Over Budget**

# Proposed Solution

**Exchange of cars between the City and the  
Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum.**



*Stainless Steel Budd Car*



*Bay Window C&O Caboose*

## **Caboose Exchange**

**Hagerstown's Bay-Window C&O Caboose  
for our Caboose**

### **The Hagerstown Caboose:**

- **Built in 1980**
- **Traveled through Gaithersburg in the 1980's**
- **Approximately 42 feet long (our caboose is 34 feet long)**
- **Steel shell in very good condition**
- **Contains a wood floor - structurally sound**
- **Interior contains one cabinet and a sink**

## **Box Car / Passenger Car Exchange**

**Hagerstown's Budd Car for our Troop Kitchen Car**

### **The Budd Car:**

- **Former MARC passenger car built around 1950 (Troop Kitchen Car built in the late 1940's)**
- **Approximately 85 feet long (Troop Kitchen Car is 50 feet long) provides more space for Museum Annex**
- **Stainless steel exterior - in good condition**
- **Contains most of the original seats – many in good condition**
- **Double pane windows with some exterior panes broken – no significant water damage**

# **Highlights and Recommendations**

## **Hagerstown's cars are:**

- **Historic to Gaithersburg and in good condition**
- **On live rails and can be moved via rail**

## **The Proposed Exchange will:**

- **Fully realize project goals within project budget**
- **Maintain the number of rolling stock**
- **Increase space for exhibits and programs**

## **Recommendation:**

**The Gaithersburg Community Museum Train Annex Committee respectfully submits a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council to pursue this proposal.**